IV

NEW MEMBERS.

The following Members were then sworn in :—

Mr. PERCY HAWKINS.
M.R.Ry. T. R. VENKATARAMA SASTRIYAR Avargal.
Sriman SASIBHUSHANA RATH Mahasayo.

V

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No.* 15—

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions and answers shall be arranged in order of subjects.

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in the order in which the names are printed, specify the serial numbers of his questions, and make a sufficient pause to allow him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Agriculture.

Agricultural propaganda work in Ramnad.

57 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur A. M. MURUGAPPA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there are any agricultural officers in the Ramnad district to do propagandist work in agriculture ; and

(*b*) whether the Government propose to appoint such officers in the immediate future ?

A.—(*a*) There are two agricultural demonstrators and one assistant agricultural demonstrator working in the Ramnad district.

(*b*) Lack of staff and funds prevent any more men being posted to the district at present.

The area under cultivation in the Bellary district.

58 *Q.*—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(1) the area fixed in B.P. No. 2299, dated 1st November 1919, as the area normally under cultivation in the Bellary district under first and second crops ; and

(2) the actual areas, respectively, under cultivation under first and second crops in each of the subsequent years ?

A.—(1) 2,384,660 acres, of which 34,750 acres were fixed as the area cropped more than once.

(2) The information asked for is contained in the following statement :—

Year.	Area sown.	Area sown more than once.
	ACS.	ACS.
1919–20	2,240,541	34,604
1920–21	2,214,873	24,606
1921–22	2,239,277	94,958
1922–23	2,233,107	33,547